

R E M A R K S

Applicant wishes to thank Examiners for their courtesy in granting the recent interview. The substance of the interview is correctly stated in the Interview Summary.

Affirmation of the election to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-13 is made. Corrected drawings will be forwarded, shortly.

The specification has been corrected in the respects indicated in ¶5 of the Action.

In claims 7 and 9, percentages are now referred to as mol percentages. These claims and claims 4, 6, 8, 10 and 11 should be allowed as per ¶'s 13 and 14 of the Action.

Regarding claim 12, "said other stream" in line 4 of the claim refers to the "other" of the two streams defined at line 5 of sub-paragraph g) of claim 1 referring back to the two streams in line 2 of g) of claim 1. Likewise, in claim 13, the "one" and the "other" streams refer back to the "one" stream and the "other" stream as defined in g) of claim 1. The '112 rejection of ¶8 of the Action should be withdrawn, and claims 12 and 13 allowed, no art having been cited

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against these two claims. Claim 12 has been made independent.

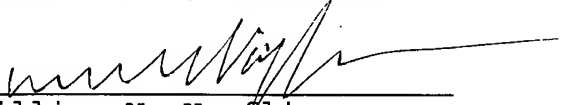
Base claim 1 and all claims dependent from it should be allowed, there being no motivation shown to modify Rambo's process to remedy the multiple steps of Rambo referred to by Examiner, in view of Wilkinson's teachings. It does not appear that Wilkinson specifically teaches or suggests the suitability of the omitted combined steps referred to by Examiner, for use in Rambo's method, since Rambo appears well satisfied with this own process. Suitability for storage (as referred to by Examiner) of a liquid methane product has nothing to do with the specific steps of a method to produce the product.

Also, base claims 1 and 12 now refer to first, second and third stream flow paths in the heat exchanger, one example being heat exchanger 106. No art suggest this, as was discussed at the interview, whereby claims 1 and 12 and all claims dependent therefrom should be allowable.

In view of the above argument, the interview, and the amendment, allowance of all claims is respectfully solicited.

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